

DIARY FOR THURSDAY, 10 March 1955

Dr. [redacted]

1. For approximately four months Dr. [redacted], who is an employee of [redacted] in [redacted], has conducted a series of tests at [redacted] staff and some [redacted] personnel, including [redacted]. These tests, which are conducted along the line of certain experiments in [redacted] are designed to unbalance the ego of the individual tested. Eventually they may be of significance in the prisoner of war interrogation field. [redacted] has contributed his services gratis, because of his keen professional interest. This derived from [redacted] brain surgery. He is one of the few surgeons in this country who operate on the brain to relieve [redacted]. I have not met [redacted] but I have read the papers he has prepared, including a recent summary on his experiments at [redacted] which he drafted for [redacted] at my request.

2. On 28 February 1955, [redacted] (ext. [redacted]) of the Psychological Assessment Unit of the Office of [redacted] came in to advise that he had just finished reading the pertinent sections of the 700-page [redacted] US POW document, and that there were certain questions he wished to raise. [redacted] has been assigned the task of determining what is being done in the Agency and elsewhere in the brain-washing field, and to recommend whether a full-time staff should be assigned to monitor the field. As [redacted] was familiar with the [redacted] experiments, I gave him a copy of Dr. [redacted] last summary. I made arrangements for [redacted] to meet [redacted] in his office on 1 March to discuss the [redacted] US POW reports.

3. On 3 March, [redacted] advised that he had had a satisfactory session with [redacted] and would secure additional information from [redacted] US POW files for [redacted] use. He also asked me, at the suggestion of the [redacted] Assistant Director, to pass to [redacted] the information that [redacted] knew of [redacted] studies on brain-washing.

On 9 March, [redacted] called from [redacted] to advise me that Dr. [redacted] had just telephoned him from [redacted] A CIA employee. [redacted] had requested a meeting later in the day. [redacted] asked [redacted] to be present at the meeting. I telephoned [redacted] of Security Office (Building [redacted]) ext. [redacted]. I told him of my relationship to [redacted] of [redacted] participation in [redacted] experiments, and of [redacted] suggestion that [redacted] attend the meeting. [redacted] stated that he and Dr. [redacted] of [redacted] were going to meet Dr. [redacted], who had just been fully cleared, to discuss "artichoke". I said that I was aware of the general nature of this field. [redacted] stated that, as this was his first session with [redacted] he would prefer not to have [redacted] present. I told [redacted] of [redacted] recommendation against his attendance. I also mentioned that the subject matter to be discussed was the one which had been of special concern to [redacted] (former [redacted] Assistant Director). [redacted] stated that, if that were the case, [redacted] should be warned.

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C that Dr. [REDACTED] did not think this was a fruitful field for investigation.  
A I relayed this to [REDACTED] who appreciated this briefing on [REDACTED] attitude. C

A 5. On 10 March, [REDACTED] advised that he had had a very satisfactory talk  
A with Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] and me to meet him in his office Tuesday, A  
15 March, for a full briefing on "Artichoke".

A 6. On 10 March, at a meeting with [REDACTED] of TSS, he indicated  
A that his component is supporting various types of research in this field. I  
C informed him briefly of [REDACTED] experiments at [REDACTED] and stated I would  
like to set up a meeting at which [REDACTED] could brief him on this  
A project. I also mentioned the survey being conducted by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
A stated he would discuss their activities with [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] 6